

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Jackson, on March 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 80, 3/8/2011; HB 179, 3/8/2011; SB 389, 3/11/2011

Executive Action: HB 324

HEARING ON SB 389

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 389, Revising use and tax of alcohol based ingredients by brewers and distillers.

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a02\)](#)

00:04:07 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:22 Neil Kiner, self, Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:24 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:09:48 Ms. Murdo

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:16 Vice Chair Jackson
00:10:34 Mr. Kiner, Billings, redirect, without objection
00:11:20 Ms. Helfert, DOR
00:12:53 Sen. Vuckovich
00:13:02 Sen. Van Dyk, redirect, without objection
00:13:31 Ms. Helfert
00:17:30 Sen. Tropila
00:20:04 Ms. Helfert
00:22:08 Sen. Facey
00:22:25 Sen. Mowbray
00:23:18 Mr. Kiner
00:24:45 Sen. Mowbray
00:24:59 Ms. Helfert
00:25:43 Ms. Murdo
00:26:01 Sen. Mowbray
00:26:06 Ms. Helfert
00:26:14 Sen. Vuckovich
00:26:46 Ms. Helfert
00:28:25 Sen. Tropila
00:31:35 Ms. Helfert
00:32:20 Sen. Vuckovich
00:32:43 Ms. Helfert
00:33:15 Sen. Facey
00:33:28 Vice Chair Jackson
00:33:38 Sen. Van Dyk, redirect, without objection

00:36:42 Ms. Helfert
00:37:45 Vice Chair Jackson
00:40:37 Sen. Van Dyk

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:22 Sen. Van Dyk
00:44:13 Vice Chair Jackson

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:42 Rep. James Knox (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 179. Disallow unemployment benefits for certain employee terminations.

EXHIBIT(bus58a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:14 Keith Allen, lobbyist, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 233 (IBEW 233), also speaking on behalf of Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 44 (IBEW 44) and John Forkan, Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (APP)
00:49:55 Chris Cavazos, lobbyist, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Informational Testimony:

00:50:50 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Program, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:24 Sen. Facey
00:52:32 Mr. Mulvaney, UIP
00:53:37 Sen. Vuckovich
00:54:35 Mr. Mulvaney
00:56:53 Without objection, Don Gilbert, DOLI
00:57:52 Sen. Vuckovich
00:58:35 Mr. Gilbert, UIP
01:00:23 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:01:23 Mr. Gilbert
01:01:35 Sen. Tropila
01:02:14 Mr. Gilbert
01:03:53 Sen. Tropila
01:04:20 Rep. Knox
01:05:38 Sen. Tropila

01:05:54 Mr. Mulvaney
 01:06:05 Sen. Facey
 01:06:30 Mr. Allen, IBEW 233
 01:07:32 Sen. Facey
 01:07:54 Mr. Gilbert
 01:09:07 Sen. Vuckovich
 01:10:01 Mr. Gilbert
 01:11:04 Sen. Tropila
 01:12:12 Mr. Cavazos, AFL-CIO
 01:13:14 Sen. Jackson
 01:14:06 Mr. Mulvaney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:53 Rep. Knox
 01:19:29 Recess
 02:05:11 Resume meeting with Sen. Balyeat as Chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 324

02:05:20 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 324 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:05:41 Sen. Facey
 02:08:50 Sen. Mowbray
 02:10:18 Sen. Balyeat
 02:10:47 Sen. Tropila
 02:12:29 Sen. Facey
 02:14:24 Sen. Moore
 02:15:11 Sen. Facey
EXHIBIT(bus58a04)
 02:16:03 Sen. Balyeat
 02:17:56 Sen. Steinbeisser
 02:18:10 Sen. Jackson
 02:19:06 Ms. Murdo, LSD
 02:19:39 Sen. Balyeat
 02:19:59 Sen. Facey
 02:20:45 Sen. Mowbray
 02:21:27 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:22:25 Sen. Balyeat
 02:22:58 Sen. Moore
 02:23:17 Sen. Facey
 02:24:10 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 02:24:55 Sen. Facey
 02:26:01 Sen. Balyeat
 02:27:33 Sen. Facey

02:27:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Moore, Sen. Mowbray, Sen. Steinbeisser and Sen. Tutvedt voting no. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 80

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:29:05 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 80, Revise unemployment insurance law.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:31:35 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Program, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:35:21 Sen. Mowbray
02:35:46 Mr. Mulvaney, DOLI
02:36:46 Sen. Moore
02:37:10 Mr. Mulvaney
02:38:33 Sen. Facey
02:38:57 Mr. Mulvaney
02:39:36 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:40:43 Mr. Mulvaney
02:42:19 Sen. Moore
02:42:29 Mr. Mulvaney

Closing by Sponsor:

02:42:43 Rep. Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus58aad.pdf](#))